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Held at Headquarters, New York, on Monday, 8 May 2006, at 12 p.m.

President: Mr. Cekuolis (Vice-President) ..... (Lithuania)

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The meeting was called to order at 12.20 p.m.

Election to the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

Draft resolution E/2006/L.2/Rev.2

1. **The President** said it was his understanding that the President of the General Assembly had reached an agreement on the election by the General Assembly of seven members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission, and that his proposal, contained in document A/60/L.52, would be adopted by the General Assembly.

2. In that regard, he would draw the Council's attention to document E/2006/L.2/Rev.2, containing a revised draft resolution entitled "Membership from the Economic and Social Council in the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission pursuant to paragraph 4 (b) of General Assembly resolution 60/180 and of Security Council resolution 1645 (2005)", which had been submitted by the President of the Council on the basis of informal consultations.

3. **Ms. Cuéllar** (Colombia), speaking on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, said that the Group had been an active participant in the consultations on the draft resolution and welcomed the establishment of the Peacebuilding Commission. The principle of equitable geographical representation was fundamental to the consolidation of universal multilateralism. Within the framework of the consultations, the Group had defended a balanced representation in the overall composition of the Organizational Committee. It was the Group's understanding that the two additional seats of the Economic and Social Council mentioned in paragraph 1 (b) of the draft resolution would rotate so that the underrepresented regions could participate in and contribute to the Commission's work.

4. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to adopt the draft resolution.

5. *Draft resolution E/2006/L.2/Rev.2 was adopted.*

6. **The President** said that the President of the Council would inform the President of the General Assembly and the Chairs of the regional groups of the Council's decision. The Council would hold a meeting on 12 May to elect the seven members to the Organizational Committee.

The meeting rose at 12.25 p.m.